progress and shall be completed in the year 2004-05. Further works of provision on about 1750 Route Kilometers has also been sanctioned on Northern, Southern, South Central and South Western Railways. ACD survey works on Northern and South Central Railways has been completed and on Southern and South Western Railway, it is in progress. The work of provision of ACD shall be taken in hand on these sections after successful implementation of ACD on Northeast Frontier Railway. Works of ACD survey on additional 10000 Route Kilometer has further been sanctioned during the current year.

Import of locomotives

2178. SHRI MURLI DEORA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) when the eighteen 6000 HP WAG-6 locomotives were imported by Government and the cost thereof;

(b) whether periodical overhaul of these locos could not be undertaken resulting in premature stabling leading to a loss of Rs. 77.37 crore towards their earning capacity;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether an amount of Rs. 18.43 crore was also lost on account of avoidable procurement of stores; and

(e) if so, the facts and reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) Indian Railways had procured 18 Nos. prototype WAG-6 6000 H.P. Electric Locomotives (six WAG 6-B type and six WAG 6-C type from M/s Sumitomo Corporation, Japan and six WAG 6-A type from M/s ABB, Sweden). The locomotives were received in the year 1988. FOB (Free on Board) price of the locomotives was Japanese Yen 5,278,370,600 and Swedish Kroner 133,384,570 respectively. The total FOB cost of these locomotives was Rs. 88 crore (approx.).

(b) to (e) No, Sir. Due to the less number of these prototype locomotives, the periodic overhaul (POH) of the WAG-6 locomotives has been delayed due to non-availability of all required spares. Two WAG-6A locomotives and four WAG-6C type locomotives have since undergone their POH and are in service from 1.4.2003. POH on two

WAG-6A and two WAG-6C locomotives is presently in hand. POH of remaining 8 locomotives is programmed thereafter. There has not been any loss on account of any avoidable procurement of stores.

Acts of ommissions and commissions after accident

2179. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several grim railway accidents have occurred in Andhra Pradesh recently in quick succession;

(b) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is a fact that members of the Standing Committee on Railways held early this month pointed out several lapses of ommissions and commissions in this regard wanted Government to adopt concrete steps relating thereto;and

(d) if so, the details thereof and action taken/proposed to be taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) and (b) On Indian Railways, figures of accidents are maintained Zone wise and not State wise. However, during April to June 2003, 17 accidents have occurred on South Central, South Western, Southern and East Coast Railways, which serve the State of Andhra Pradesh. These included 12 derailments, 3 unmanned level crossing accidents, 1 fire accident and 1 miscellaneous train accident. The cause wise position of these accidents is as under:-

Cause of Accidents*	**April 03 to June 03***
Failure of Railway Staff	11
Failure of Other Than Railway Staff	4
Equipment Failure	-
Sabotage	2
Combination of Factor	-
Incidental	-
Not Established	-
Under Investigation	-
TOTAL	**17**

(*Figures are Provisional)